PLAS - O - GRAM <98-02> New On-line Help Screens & Revised Codes

PLAS Omniscients,

Change is the one PLAS constant.   There's several significant PLAS code changes to start this New Year.

A. Process Code 111, Monitoring Contractors' Costs, Deleted. Defense Acquisition Circular 91-12 eliminated the regulatory requirement for Cost Monitoring functional reviews. The OneBook chapter, Monitoring Contractors' Costs, will not appear in the new OneBook. Process 111 will be hidden in PLAS effective 20 January 1998.

B. Coming Soon - New Contractual Data Input Process Codes. Other Disbursement Office (ODO) actions are the latest addition to the list of items requiring significant data input time by DCMC professionals. DCMC HQ desires greater visibility of this data input time. As soon as the details are ironed out, you'll see a PLAS-O-Gram outlining several new Process codes for contractual data input.

C. New PLAS On-Line Help screens. New on-line Help Screens will be distributed to the Districts on 20 January 1998 for immediate installation. Highlights include:

>   **1. Office of Counsel Program Codes, Titles and Definitions.** These codes, which appeared in PLAS on December 21, 1997, are for use by Office of Counsel Personnel only. See PLAS-O-Gram 97-17 for more information.

>   **2. PLAS Reporting Guidelines for DCMC Interns and Mid Level Development Program (MLDP) participants.** PLAS-O-Gram 97-18 provided PLAS reporting guidance for DCMC Interns and MLDP participants. See PLAS-O-Gram 97-18 for more information.

>   **3. Navy Special Emphasis Programs.** PLAS-O-Gram 97-19 provided a significantly narrowed definition for use of NP033, Navy Nuclear.   New programs codes were added for **Level I/** Subsafe Programs, Nuclear Plant Material, and the Navy Ships Propeller & Shafting Program.   PLAS Process Code 083, Nondestructive Testing was added to reflect a recently drafted OneBook chapter of the same name.   Note: Process 083 may be used with **any** Program code, **not** just those involving Navy Special Emphasis Programs.

>   **4. PLAS Program Codes for Union Officials.** The House Appropriations Committee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government mandated the reporting of official time by Union Officials. Three new program codes were added to collect the required data. **These codes are for use by Union Officials only.**   These codes appeared in PLAS on December 28, 1997. See PLAS-O-Gram 97-20 for more details.

>   **5. Listing of Re-engineered OneBook chapters.**   As re-written OneBook chapters appear on the DCMC Home Page, our Help Screens will keep you abreast of them. The following chapters appear in this edition of Help:
>   **Flight Operations –** Process 064
>   **Engineering, Design & Development Evaluation –** Process 069
>   **Surveillance of Software Development –** Process 071
>   **Test and Evaluation Management –** Process 074
>   **Contractor Packaging Capability Review –** Process 134

>   **6. Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations.**

D. Please Update PLAS Administrators List. Rita Deutsch, our keeper of the PLAS Administrators List, asks that you review the list to make sure it is current. You can find it on the PLAS Homepage under the Links section.   Please call or e-mail Rita with any changes at 773-825-5552 or rdeutsch@dcmdc.dla.mil. This listing must be accurate as it serves as the distribution list for PLAS-O-Grams.

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Respectfully,

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